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SMALL GRAIN PLANTINGS CONTINUE

This years cotton harvest is virtually complete. As of January 9, **cotton** harvested was reported as being 99 percent complete, the same as last year and the 5-year average.

Alfalfa harvest activity drops off slightly from last week. As of January 9, **alfalfa** harvest was reported as 70 percent not being harvested, 18 percent light, 8 percent moderate, and 4 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 5 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 66 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Sheeping off continued to be reported as moderate to active.

Range and Pasture conditions continue to be very dry, even with the minimal rainfall being reported at several reporting stations. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 1 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 9 percent excellent.

Small grain plantings continue but remains well behind normal. As of January 9, 50 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 47 percent of **Barley**, 38 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 37 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as being planted.

Last week, temperatures throughout the state were below average. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Parker to 6 degrees

below normal at Douglas, Gila Bend, Prescott, Tucson, and Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 69 degrees at Douglas while the lowest reading was 0 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 13 stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.41 inches at Payson to 0.01 inches at Douglas and Phoenix.

Central Arizona producers shipped an assortment of vegetables last week including **bok choy, broccoli, dandelion, dill, flowering kale, kale, kohlrabi, mixed greens, napa, parsley, spinach** and **swiss chard**. Eastern Arizona producers shipped **hot house tomatoes**. Producers in western Arizona also shipped a wide variety of vegetables including **anise, bok choy, broccoli, broccoflower, broccolini, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, napa, parsley, radicchio, salad savoy, spinach** and **swiss chard**. Western **lettuce** and **salad/salad mixes** shipments included **boston, iceberg, leaf, romaine, specialty leaf** and **spring mix**.

Central Arizona citrus producers harvested **lemons, navels, grapefruit, fairchild tangerines** and **tangelos**. Western citrus producers harvested **grapefruit, lemons** and **tangelos** last week.

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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 2-8, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Buckeye	51	-5	66	24	0.00	0.00	0.23
Canyon De Chelly	29	-5	44	1	0.02	0.06	0.24
Casa Grande	50	-3	66	27	0.00	0.00	0.24
Coolidge	50	-5	67	22	0.04	0.04	0.24
Douglas	45	-6	69	13	0.01	0.01	0.24
Flagstaff	28	-5	45	0	0.11	0.23	0.56
Gila Bend	53	-6	67	27	0.08	0.08	0.16
Grand Canyon	28	-3	52	1	0.11	0.33	0.36
Kingman	42	-4	56	19	0.00	0.00	0.24
Parker	53	-2	68	30	0.00	0.00	0.16
Payson	37	-5	56	7	0.41	0.41	0.56
Phoenix	53	-3	65	32	0.01	0.01	0.21
Prescott Airport	38	-6	50	14	0.06	0.09	0.32
Safford Ag Center	43	-5	58	17	0.13	0.13	0.16
Tucson	51	-6	65	27	0.10	0.10	0.24
Willcox	43	-6	64	15	0.08	0.08	0.24
Winslow	30	-3	46	5	0.05	0.05	0.16
Yuma	56	-2	68	38	0.00	0.00	0.12

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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